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1. The Bureau of Public Security apparently controls all uniformed police and guards who are not military personnel. Among police units in Tientsin are the following:
 - a. Police patrols of four to eight men, including two bicycle squads and four observers. All are armed.
 - b. Traffic police outside the city, at each important highway junction. One armed sentry is stationed with each (unarmed) traffic policeman.
 - c. City guards, composed of one unarmed inspector and two armed sentries, stationed at each gate in the city wall. Each city entrance usually has a branch police station.
 - d. Armed sentries at each end of every bridge.
 - e. Public Security officers, in uniform but unarmed, equipped with an armband reading "Corrector". They patrol the streets for the purpose of supplying information on security regulations, advising the citizens, and answering questions concerning official matters.
2. Railroad police between Peiping and Tientsin include two armed sentries at each station entrance and exit and an unspecified number of guards patrolling platforms during arrivals of trains. Also on duty at train arrivals and departures are customs inspectors, in teams of four men and two women. These personnel all are under the Bureau's jurisdiction.
3. At a review of the Bureau of Public Security in Shanghai, in early March 1950, personnel participating included generals and soldiers in full field equipment, as well as two batteries of four three-inch anti-aircraft guns and an unspecified number of field howitzers.
4. Former members of the Nationalist police taken over by the Communist police in Peiping are employed only as unarmed traffic police.

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